

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1-15. Canceled.

16. (currently amended) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of ~~a liquid sweetener~~ an adhesive between ~~9% and 50%~~ 9% and 36% by weight, water between 40% and 60% by weight, a ~~surfactant~~ an edible wetting agent between 0.025% and 21% by weight, and a viscosity/texture modifier selected from the group of gums, carboxymethylcellulose and propylene glycol alginate between 0% and 3% by weight and formulated such that the composition can form a film on a rim of an inedible beverage container and also hold granular or powder substances on the rim of the beverage container.

17. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the ~~liquid sweetener~~ adhesive is corn syrup between 9% and 15% ~~and 50%~~ by weight.

18. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 16 wherein the ~~surfactant~~ wetting agent is alcohol between 11% and 21% by weight.

19. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the ~~liquid sweetener~~ adhesive is corn syrup between 9% and 15% by weight and sugar between ~~0% and 50%~~ and 21% by weight dissolved in water between 20% and 51% by weight.

20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the composition has a viscosity at least 1.5cp.

21. (previously presented) The composition of claim 20 wherein the composition has a viscosity greater than approximately 100cp.

22. (currently amended) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of ~~a liquid sweetener~~ an adhesive between 9% ~~and 50%~~ and 36% by weight, water between 40% and 60% by weight, a surfactant wetting agent between 0% and 21% by weight, and a viscosity/texture modifier between 0% and 3% by weight wherein the composition has a viscosity between approximately 100cp and 3000 cp.

23. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the ~~liquid sweetener~~ adhesive is between about 15 ~~and 50~~ and 36 percent by weight percent.

24. (currently amended) The composition of claim 23 wherein the ~~liquid sweetener~~ adhesive is between about 30 ~~and 50~~ and 36 percent by weight percent.

25. (currently amended) The composition of claim 20 wherein the ~~liquid sweetener~~ adhesive is ~~about 50~~ about 36 percent by weight percent.

26. (currently amended) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of ~~a liquid sweetener~~ an adhesive between 9% ~~and 50%~~ and 36% by weight, water between 40% and 60% by weight, a viscosity/texture modifier between 0% and 3% by weight and a surfactant wetting agent between 0.25 percent by weight percent and 2 percent by weight percent.

27. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant wetting agent is about 0.90 percent by weight percent.

28. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant wetting agent is polysorbate.

29. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant wetting agent is between 11 and 21 percent by weight percent.

30. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant wetting agent is about 20 percent by weight percent.

31. (currently amended) The composition of claim 30 wherein the sweetener adhesive is corn syrup.

32. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the viscosity/texture modifier is a gum.

33. (currently amended) A composition for applying to a rim of a beverage container ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic adhesive composition between 9% and 36% by weight including at least one of a surfactant wetting agent between 0.025% and 21% by weight and a texture/viscosity modifier between 0-3% by weight, and including water between 40%-69% by weight, in such relative concentrations and viscosity to coat a surface on an inedible item of drinkware at room temperature.

34. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 33 wherein the composition includes an aqueous solution of a sweetener, a surfactant and an alcohol.

35. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 34~~ claim 33 wherein the surfactant wetting agent is between 0.25 percent and 21 percent by weight percent.

36. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 34 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

37. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 33 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

38. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 36 further including citric acid.

39. (currently amended) A composition for applying to a rim of a beverage container ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic composition including a ~~surfactant~~ wetting agent between 0.025% and 21% by weight and at least one of sugar and corn syrup between 9% and 36% by weight in an aqueous solution of 40%-69% by weight water, in such relative concentrations and viscosity to coat a surface on an inedible item of drinkware at room temperature.

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41. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 40~~ claim 39 wherein the ~~surfactant~~ wetting agent is between about 11 and 21 percent by weight ~~percent~~.

42. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 39 further including an alcohol.

43. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 39 further including at least one oil selected from the group of safflower, sunflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

44. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 wherein the composition and aqueous solution are formulated to have a viscosity of about 1.5 cp at room temperature.

45. (currently amended) The composition of claim 39 having a water concentration of approximately 69 percent by weight ~~percent~~.

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47. (currently amended) The composition of claim 33 wherein the water concentration is less than or equal to 50 percent by weight percent.

48. (currently amended) The composition of claim 33 wherein the water concentration is approximately 69 percent by weight percent.

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